(c) No case relating to recent Stock Market/UTI Scam has been referred to the Board so far.

Memorandum of Understanding on Fiscal Reforms with States

3141. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a Fiscal Reform Memorandum of Understanding with Assam and Nagaland;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether Government are planning to sign similar Memorandum of Understanding with any other States; and

(d) if so, the names of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In 1999-2000, Government of India signed a Fiscal Reform Programme Memorandum of Understanding with 13 States including Assam and Nagaland. This Fiscal Reform Programme aimed at progressively improving the balance from current revenues and reducing the revenue deficit of these States in the medium-term.

(c) and (d) Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission on its additional terms of reference on States' Fiscal Reforms and subsequent issuance of guidelines to States in this regard. States should draw a Medium Term Fiscal Restructuring Policy delineating steps to improve their revenue balances. This would form the basis of a fresh Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into between each State and Government of India.